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Plague, December 21, 1905, to January 11, 1906.

	New cases.	Cured.	Died.	Remain- ing.
Lima.....	10	8	5	5
Callao.....	1	0	1	0
Trujillo.....	17	3	10	7
Nueva Chosica.....	2	0	1	0
San Pedro.....	5	0	1	7
Payta.....	0	2	0	0
Total	35	13	18	19

Bills of health from Antofagasta, Chile, January 4, report 26 cases of smallpox with 12 deaths, and 3 cases of plague with no deaths for the 2 weeks preceding; from Iquique, January 6, 20 cases of smallpox with 5 deaths; from Salaverry, Peru, a few cases of plague at Moche, 5 miles north of that port; from Eten, Peru, plague at Chiclayo, 18 kilometers from that port.

The situation in Guayaquil with regard to yellow fever is serious, and the enforcement of sanitary measures by the local authorities is extremely difficult, though not altogether suspended.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Cholera—Inspection of vessels—Circular relative to modification of outgoing interisland quarantine.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, December 21 and 29, and January 4, as follows:

During the week ended December 16, 1905, the following quarantinable disease was reported for the city of Manila, namely, cholera, 2 cases, 1 death.

Vessels for United States ports were treated as follows, namely:

On December 16 the British steamship *Ghazee*, with 59 crew, en route from Yokohama to New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health. Crew were inspected on board at hour of sailing. Miscellaneous cargo certified, 6,021 pieces.

On December 16 the U. S. army transport *Sherman*, with 187 crew, 129 cabin, and 837 steerage passengers, was granted a bill of health. Crew and steerage passengers bathed and their effects and baggage disinfected; all cargo and baggage either disinfected or passed, and so labeled. All on board inspected at Mariveles at hour of sailing.

Week ended December 23, 1905. Plague, 1 case, 1 death; cholera, 1 case, 2 deaths.

Cholera.

The cholera situation has remained practically the same as at the time of the last report. There were 1 new case and 2 deaths reported during the week.

The disease is now gradually disappearing from the province of Cavite, and apparently is establishing itself in the province of Bulacan. The bureau of health is following the disease from center to center and promptly stamping it out wherever it makes its appearance. These efforts so far have been successful, in that the disease has practically remained stationary.

The total of cases in the provinces to and including December 23, 1905, is 1,577; deaths, 1,140. Total number of cases in the city of Manila, 251; deaths, 222.

During the week vessels cleared for ports in the jurisdiction of the United States as follows:

On December 20 the American bark *Kokohead*, with 16 crew, entered 5 days' quarantine prior to clearing for Portland, Oreg.

On December 21 the British steamship *Koonsing*, with 40 crew, cleared for Shanghai via Iloilo after the usual quarantine and inspection at Mariveles.

On December 22 the American steamship *Lyra*, with 57 crew, cleared for Tacoma via China and Japan ports. Personnel inspected on board at hour of sailing. Miscellaneous cargo certified 761 pieces.

CIRCULAR.

MANILA, P. I., January 4, 1906.

To the owners and agents of vessels and others concerned:

Commencing Monday, January 8, 1906, the outgoing interisland quarantine regulations which are at present in force will be modified so that it will not be necessary for first-class passengers, who actually have cabins on the vessel upon which they desire to sail, to undergo quarantine detention.

Vessels carrying a qualified medical officer as part of the crew will not be required to undergo any outgoing quarantine detention, provided that the master and the medical officer bind themselves to carry out the quarantine regulations, if any communicable disease makes its appearance on board.

With the above exceptions all regulations in force at the present time will remain effective.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,

Passed Assistant Surgeon,

Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

Quarantine transactions of the Service in the Philippine Islands during the month of November, 1905.

Port of Manila.

Bills of health issued:

To steamers for United States ports.....	6
To steamers for foreign ports.....	32
To steamers for domestic ports.....	152
To sailing vessels for United States ports.....	0
To sailing vessels for foreign ports.....	1
To sailing vessels for domestic ports.....	61

Total 252

Number of vessels inspected:

Steamers from United States ports.....	6
Steamers from foreign ports.....	36
Steamers from domestic ports.....	141
Sailing vessels from United States ports.....	1
Sailing vessels from foreign ports.....	1
Sailing vessels from domestic ports.....	76

Total 261

Number of passengers on arriving boats inspected:

On steamers, cabin.....	1,222
On steamers, steerage.....	4,760
On sailing vessels, cabin.....	0
On sailing vessels, steerage.....	252

Total 6,234